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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

It is considerate of Microsoft, as the dominant source of hardware and software, to open its doors to competitors. I realize that they have been in an antitrust settlement with the U.S. government for three years. So I am glad that they will have a fresh new start in software development.

One way that Microsoft is providing their expertise in software development is by configuring Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs as well as their own. The interim release of Windows XP will ensure that computer makers, consumers, and software developers can promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Not only will this benefit the computer manufacturers, but it will give choice to the consumers as well.

I am glad that the leading American company in software development will finally be released from the grip of this antitrust settlement. Now Microsoft can focus on doing what they do best, being innovative in software development. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Collins

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

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